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Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305) Food and Drug Administration 5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061 Rockville, MD 20852

3887 '99 MAY 19 P2:57 Re: DOCKET #98N-1038 "Irradiation in the production, processing and handling of food."

Gentlemen:

Prominent labeling to include the terms "irradiation" or "irradiated", and use of radura (radura) symbol which is international to show radiation treatment should be required.

Proposed alternative terms such as "cold pasteurization" or "electronic pasteurization" are patently misleading and should not be used.

Irradiation destroys vitamins and causes other changes in sensory and spoilage effects which would not be obvious to the buyer of such products.

I am sending a copy of this letter to my Congressional Representative.

I request a halt to deceptive practices in the handling of our food. Such action undermines your credibility. Please refrain from further consideration of disguising what is proposed in the above docket.

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